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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. ☐ Small Entity status is claimed.
☒ Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously-Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	34	MINUS	34	= 0	x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$0
INDEP.	5	MINUS	5	= 0	x \$42	\$0	x \$84	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+\$135	\$0	+\$270	\$0
TOTALS					TOTAL FEE	\$0	TOTAL FEE	\$0

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4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____.

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5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
___ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
___ two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
___ three months	\$ 890.00	\$445.00
___ four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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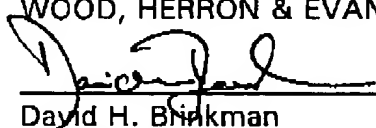
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(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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